
SENATE BILL No. 491

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-10-1.

Synopsis: Veteran's burial allowance. Provides that members of: (1) the coast guard; and (2) the merchant marine during World War II; are eligible for a burial allowance of up to \$1,000.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 18, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning veterans' affairs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 10-17-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. **(a) As used in this section, "armed forces of the United States" means the active or reserve components of:**

- (1) the army;**
- (2) the navy;**
- (3) the air force;**
- (4) the coast guard;**
- (5) the marine corps; or**
- (6) during World War II, the merchant marine.**

(b) If:

- (1) a person:**
 - (A) has served as a member of the armed forces of the United States, as a soldier, sailor, or marine in the army, air force, or navy of the United States or as a member of the women's components of the army, air force, or navy of the United States; is a resident of Indiana, and dies while a member of the**



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1 armed forces and before discharge from the armed forces or
2 after receiving an honorable discharge from the armed forces;
3 or
4 (B) is the spouse or surviving spouse of a person described in
5 clause (A) and is a resident of Indiana; and
6 (2) a claim is filed for a burial allowance:
7 (A) by an interested person with the board of commissioners
8 of the county of the residence of the deceased person; and
9 (B) stating the fact:
10 (i) of the service, death, and discharge if discharged from
11 service before death; and
12 (ii) that the body has been buried in a decent and respectable
13 manner in a cemetery or burial ground;
14 the board of commissioners shall hear and determine the claim like
15 other claims and, if the facts averred are found to be true, shall allow
16 the claim in an amount set by ordinance. However, the amount of the
17 allowance may not be more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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